

## REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 12, 2005 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1, 2, 5-17, 19 and 40-91 are pending. Claims 1-2, 5-17, and 40-91 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶1 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 10-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 16-17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,837,091. Claims 7-9, 13-15, 49-50 and 72-73 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Theil. Claims 10-12 and 60-62 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

### REJECTION UNDER §112

Claims 1-2, 5-17, and 40-91 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶1 as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In order to satisfy §112 ¶1, the subject matter of a claim must be described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Examiner has requested that Applicant point out disclosure in the specification supporting recitation of a "thermoplastic non-copolyester polymeric material." By this amendment Applicant has removed the claim term "non-copolyester." With respect to the current recitation of "a thermoplastic polymeric material," Applicant asserts that the specification discloses layers 16 and 18 formed of thermoplastic (page 5, lines 12-16) and therefore this claim element is disclosed in sufficient detail to convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the Applicant, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 6-17 and 40-91 have been cancelled rendering their rejections moot.

## REJECTION UNDER §102

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 16-17, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,837,091 to Theil et al. Applicant respectfully asserts that anticipation has not been established. In order to establish anticipation, each and every element of the claimed device must be found in a single prior art reference. Theil et al. fails to disclose the laminate claimed by Applicant formed into a sink. Theil et al. further fail to provide any teaching or suggestion to use the laminate disclosed to form sinks. Theil et al. in fact teach away from the formation of curved structures using its laminate. Theil et al. teach that its method is suitable only for flat portions secured to curved structures rather than curved structures themselves. Col. 4, lns. 55-59 (“In another embodiment of the invention, laminates (5) of polymethacrylate plastic parts with *flat edges*, such as domes tunnel vaults or shells, can be produced, *in that the edges* are selectively heated and joined together according to the method of the invention.”).

## ADDED FIGURE 6

Figure 6 has been added. Figure 6 does not represent new matter inasmuch as it illustrates subject matter that was recited in the specification as originally filed. Page 5, line 7, recites a sink formed of the laminate formed using the novel method disclosed.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for immediate allowance. In the event that this response evokes any question, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner direct any questions to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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